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From: Terri-A White/R3/USEPA/US
To: Pam Kasey <pkasey@statejournal.com>
Date: 07/25/2012 05:18 PM
Subject: Re: questions re Dimock / State Journal (Charleston, W.Va.)

Pam,
Here are responses to the questions you posed. -- Terri
Have those problems been remediated?
EPA Response: EPA's initial sampling and analysis at the 4 wells considered over 225 analytes. The re-sampling consisted of analysis for 27 metals. All the results were subsequently reviewed by EPA risk assessors. One well showed elevated levels of manganese, however, each of the residences served by the well has a pre-existing treatment system installed by a vendor hired by the property owner. Based on EPA's re-sampling and an evaluation of the particular circumstances at each well, EPA has determined that a health concern does not exist and the Agency no longer needs to provide alternate water to these residents. Private drinking water well owners are responsible for sampling and maintaining their wells and addressing the operational issues that can affect drinking water quality.

Were they related to gas production?

EPA Response: EPA's goal was to provide the Dimock community with reliable information about the presence of contaminants in their drinking water and determine whether further action by EPA was warranted to protect public health. At this time, EPA is not looking to identify potential trends regarding drinking water quality in Dimock.

If remediated, how?

See Response #1.

If not, what is to be the resolution of that -- landowner notification, other?

See Response #1

From: Pam Kasey <pkasey@statejournal.com>
To: Terri-A White/R3/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 07/25/2012 04:23 PM
Subject: questions re Dimock / State Journal (Charleston, W.Va.)

Hi, Terri --

We spoke just now and you asked me to send you my questions:

Regarding the contaminants listed on numbered page 5 of this report <http://www.epaos.org/sites/7555/files/dimock-action-memo-01-19-12%5B1%5D.pdf> -- in particular, the manganese and arsenic that are the subject of this statement: "An EPA Region III toxicologist's opinion is that, of the homes evaluated to date in an on-going effort, that four home wells contain contaminants at levels that present a public health concern":

- Have those problems been remediated?

Were they related to gas production?

If remediated, how?

If not, what is to be the resolution of that -- landowner notification, other?

Thank you --

Pam Kasey

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